



First Baptist Church
Lexington, NC

STEEPLE TALK AUGUST 2017

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

We will officially prepare for the new church year with our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, August 23. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Nominating Committee Report and new Deacons will be approved as well as financial updates and a preview of fall events.

SEPTEMBER 13 – WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICKOFF

Our Wednesday night season kicks off on Wednesday, September 13 with award-winning multi-talented musical artists Matthew Weaver and Clay Lunsford. Matthew has been awarded the Pianist-Instrumentalist of the Year for six consecutive years by the North Carolina Folk Festival. He plays 19 musical instruments and has performed at the Grand Ole Opry, Dollywood, The NC State Fair, Biltmore House, and at many folk festivals and churches. Clay Lunsford is the President of the North Carolina Thumb Pickers Association and wrote the popular song, "Mountain Dew." Make your reservations early for this exciting night of food, fun, and fellowship!

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT RESERVATIONS

Our Wednesday night fall season opens on September 13 with our Fall Kickoff and continues with regular programming on September 20. Our meals will be catered this fall from Cheryl Walser at Yarborough's Restaurant. The cost is **\$7.00** for adults and **\$4.00** for children with a \$25 family limit. Our Fall Kickoff will be catered by Tommy Poag and the cost for his famous BBQ Chicken is **\$8.00** and **\$4.00** for children who want chicken tenders.

We have a designated email address for Wednesday night reservations: wednesday@fbclex.org. Please use this address to make or cancel reservations. You can also make reservations by filling out a card on Sunday morning or calling the church office. We will no longer have permanent reservations, but ask everyone to make a new reservation each week. You can make advance reservations provided you pay in advance. The reservation deadline to make or cancel reservations is noon on Monday. You will receive an email update each week reminding you of your reservation. You can begin using our new reservation system now to make reservations for Wednesday night, September 13. You will be expected to pay for a reservation even if you are unable to attend.

**MISSIONFEST
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

Save the date as First Baptist will be sponsoring Missionfest. This will be a fun and meaningful afternoon of music, activities and opportunities for our community members to have fun and learn about our community and mission partners. This will be a parking lot block party outreach that will invite our neighbors to come and experience the excitement and fellowship of our church.

We need your help. Through the summer, we will be collecting school supplies in the Fellowship Hall lobby and Church Office to provide to the children. We will need folks to bake cookies, grill hot dogs, set up, take down, etc. How can your Sunday School class help? How can you help? More details will follow over the summer. For more information, contact Barry Sink at barry@oldelexington.com.

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**MEETINGS AND EVENTS
AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2017**

August 6	Meagan Smith Preaches
August 7 – 20	Fellowship Hall Closed For Cleaning
August 20	Finance Committee Meeting Parlor at 9:00 a.m.
August 23	Annual Church Meeting Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.
August 27	Education Sunday
August 27	Deacons Meeting Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.
September 4	Labor Day – Church Office Closed
September 10	Missionfest – FBC Block Party – 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
September 13	Wednesday Night Kickoff With Matthew Weaver & Clay Lunsford
September 14	Science & Spirituality Series
September 10, 17 & 24	“The Class” Led by Ray and Meagan

EXTENDED SESSIONS

August 6: Bed Babies – Donna Routh & Wendy Walker, **Toddlers/2-Year-Olds** – M/M Dale Lambeth, **3 & 4 Year- Olds** - M/M Dale Frank
August 13: Bed Babies – Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams, **Toddlers/2-Year-Olds** – M/M Zac Young, **3 & 4-Year-Olds** – M/M William Fulbright
August 20: Bed Babies – M/M Nathan Houser, **Toddlers/2-Year-Olds** – Sandra Blackwelder & Crystal Alexander, **3 & 4-Year-Olds** – Breda Sprinkle, Sarah Hall and Spencer Hall
August 27: Bed Babies – Jen Fuller Allen & Brooke Williams, **Toddlers/2-Year-Olds** – M/M Kevin Brown, **3 & 4-Year-Olds** – Margaret Ann Maddox & Whitney Brooks

**FELLOWSHIP HALL CLOSED FOR
ANNUAL CLEANING**

The Fellowship Hall will be closed for annual cleaning from Monday, August 7 until Sunday, August 20. Please try to avoid entering the Fellowship Hall or the building during this time.

A COLLECTION FOR THE CHILDREN

Our summer mission project is collecting school supplies for local children who live in poverty and for the foster children of Davidson County. Almost 32 percent of the children in the City of Lexington and 21 percent of the children in Davidson County live in poverty – a total of almost 14,000 children! We want to help these children get ready for the new school year by providing book bags and school supplies. Our church goal is 500 book bags full of supplies. We will distribute the supplies before school begins as a prelude to our Missionfest on September 10. You may elect to make a financial contribution or shop yourself for the needed items. They are regular size quality book bags, 3 ring binders with individual subject dividers, ruled composition books, wide-college ruled notebook paper, No. 2 pencils, glue sticks, crayons (24 count) washable markers, colored pencils and flat pencil pouches.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

When you come to Sunday School, remember the Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship. Coffee and fellowship are available at 9:30 a.m. on the 2nd floor near the elevator lobby. We also need volunteers to help make coffee and provide refreshments each Sunday. There is a signup sheet in the coffee room or contact Alyson Honeycutt at 704-433-06567 or ahoneycutt2@triad.rr.com.

SCIENCE & SPIRITUALITY BY DR. RICHARD HONEYCUTT

On September 14 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Richard Honeycutt will begin a 10-week series on his new book, *Science and Spirituality*. There is no admission charge and all are invited to attend.

MEMORIALS

General Fund:

Margaret Brown by Robert Hedrick, Barry, Jo, Emily, Meredith & Alison Brown, Gerald Smith, Jacqueline Inman, David & Julia Dunn, J.B. & Betty Lopp,

Amelia Lanning by Barbara Landers, Pam & Eric Myers, Hubert & Cateen Olive, William Colden, Jerry & Evelyn Smith, Jo Smith & Family, Gerald Smith, David & Julia Dunn, J.B. & Betty Lopp, Don & Ann Bishop

Melvin Young by Gerald Smith, Jacqueline Inman, Barry & Renee Sink

Ann Morgan by Jacqueline Inman, Don & Ann Bishop, Richard Davis

Earl Johnson by Ann Corn, E.D. Brame, Gerald Smith, William & Cindy Fulbright, Don & Ann Bishop, Robert Hedrick

Sue Brown by Don & Ann Bishop, Jacqueline Inman, David & Julia Dunn

Endowment Fund:

Amelia Lanning by Katherine Frye, Peggy Barnhardt, Don & Ann Bishop

Margaret Brown by Alpha Delta/Beta Sigma Phi, Silba Rae Fennell

Earl Johnson by Peggy Barnhardt, Don & Ann Bishop

Ann Morgan by Don & Ann Bishop, Peggy Barnhardt,

Paul Miller by Peggy Barnhardt

Building & Grounds:

Margaret Brown, Amelia Lanning, Melvin Young & Earl Johnson by M/M Hal Routh

Melvin Young by Silba Rae Fennell

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Sue Brown by Betty Sink, Booty Hilton, Hubert & Cateen Olive, Lois & Richard Perryman, Carol Stutts Wall, Ruth Winkle, Edwin & Louise Lucas, Virginia Hartzog, Rebecca Henderson, The Jackson, Linda Pope & Family, Shirley Ramey, James & Candace Furr

Amelia Lanning by Betty Sink

EDUCATION SUNDAY – AUGUST 27, 2017

As the students and families of our community prepare for a new school year, First Baptist will join them by celebrating Education Sunday. This will be a special service of worship, prayer, and celebration for everyone involved in education. As a church, we will show support for the children and educators of our community in their quest for excellence in education. The service will include a blessing of the school supplies that have been collected over the summer in addition to special music and messages. The educators of Lexington City Schools and Davidson County Schools have been invited to join us. There will be a reception honoring these educators immediately following the service. We look forward to welcoming and recognizing each of these special servants.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The First Baptist Meals on Wheels route needs a volunteer to help deliver on alternating Thursday mornings. This person would work with veteran M.O.W. volunteer Dan Hamrick, so no experience is required. Call or text Jim Honeycutt at 336-408-7294 to sign up or get more information.

THE CLASS

You are invited to join us for *"The Class"* on three consecutive Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour on September 10, 17 and 24. This class is for anyone who is interested in First Baptist Church, whether you are a member or not. *"The Class"* will tell you much about our church and the unique people called Baptists. Our new Associate Minister, Meagan Smith, will be part of this class as she learns more about our church family and she invites you to join her. If you do not have a Sunday School class, if you are new to our church, or if you simply want to learn more about our heritage, please come to *"The Class."* We will meet in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Ray and Meagan will lead *"The Class."*

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through June 30, 2017 total revenue received for the church was \$305,875. The total expenses for the same time period were \$293,224. Our giving is slightly behind what it was at this time in 2016. Our 2017 total budget is \$717,493. The Endowment Balance is \$1,614,350. We are seeing steady growth with our endowment funds. Please continue to be faithful with your financial commitments to the church.

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